

## GERMAN POLITICAL POT AT FULL BOIL

Militaristic Element, Though Hotly Opposed, Still Seems in Ascendancy.

### TIRPITZ STILL DREAMS.

Father of U-Boat Campaign Insists in Speeches That Germany Will Yet Win by Force of Arms.

The political pot in Germany continues at full boil, with the militaristic element in the ascendancy but with the moderate section of the people still hotly opposing them. Notwithstanding the seeming impasse that has arisen in the peace negotiations between the Russians and the central powers owing to objections to the Russian demands of Germany and her allies, announcement has been made in the Reichstag that no alteration has been made in the instructions given to the chief German representative in the peace talks.

A meeting of the Annexationist party in Germany has been broken up by the independent socialists, who passed a resolution declaring for a general peace by understanding, while at another meeting in Frankfurt, a resolution was adopted declaring that a peace safeguarding Germany's vital economic interests would be possible only while the lines of the Reichstag peace resolution.

Meanwhile Admiral von Tirpitz, the father of Germany's submarine warfare and one of the leaders of the Fatherland party, in speeches is endeavoring to bolster up the case of the peace negotiations. His latest address he still held to his dream of forcing Great Britain to seek peace as a result of Germany's submarine campaign and dwell on the ability of von Hindenburg and his chief aide, von Ludendorff, to bring about a peace acceptable to Germany by force of arms.

After days of inactivity, due to heavy snows and very severe cold, the Italians have again attacked the Austro-Germans in the Monte Asolone region and made goodly gains of ground. Likewise along the southern coast of the Piave river they have added materially to their bridgehead east of Capo Sile, pushing back the enemy from several trenches, which were held by the Italians in spite of furious counter attacks.

In the hill region the Austro-Germans offered strong resistance, but the Italians, who were ably supported by their artillery would not be denied, and in addition to inflicting extremely heavy casualties captured eight officers and 235 men.

On the other fronts the fighting, except for the artillery, continues below normal, although the Canadians again have raided German trenches north of Lens, blowing up German dugouts and taking prisoners and a machine gun.

Another attack from the sea has been made by a German war craft on an English east coast town. Yarmouth was bombarded Monday night three persons being killed and ten injured. Some twenty shells fell in the town.

Probably with the purpose of laying further plans to meet the anticipated stroke of the reinforced armies of the Germans on the western front, there will be an early meeting in plenary session at Versailles of the supreme allied war council.

## INCREASE DEMURRAGE RATES

35 to Be Charged after First 48 Hours. General Freight Agent C. D. Walters Is Notified.

Montpelier, Jan. 15.—General Freight Agent C. D. Walters has received notice from the director of railroads that demurrage charges are to be increased to \$5 after the first 48 hours, \$10 thereafter for eight days and \$15 a day thereafter until the cars are unloaded. At present there is free service for unloading 96 hours before demurrage commences.

Edward E. Timothy Dies.

Montpelier, Jan. 15.—Word was received here today of the death of Edward E. Timothy, superintendent of the Altman store in New York, a brother of Mrs. L. P. Gleason, Mrs. H. C. Gleason and Miss Carrie Timothy of Montpelier. He formerly lived here and was employed in Ellis & Gleason's store, later by L. P. Gleason & Co. He died suddenly Sunday.

## APPOINTS DENTAL BOARDS

President Wilson Names Those to Assist under Selective Service Act.—Dr. Masses Serves in Burlington.

Montpelier, Jan. 15.—Upon recommendation of Governor Graham, President Wilson has appointed the following dentists to assist under the selective draft act: C. M. Richmond, St. Johnsbury; R. F. Elmer, Bellows Falls; K. L. Cleaver, Montpelier; G. O. Mitchell, St. Albans; David Manson, Burlington; P. M. Williams, Rutland. To take the place of Charles H. Gorham of Bellows Falls, resigned, on the medical advisory board, F. T. Kidder of Woodstock was appointed.

## PAID \$7,050,879.45

National Life Insurance Co. Re-elects Officers—Biggest Policyholders' Meeting in Years.

Montpelier, Jan. 15.—The annual meeting of the National Life Insurance company occurred today. F. C. Partridge of Proctor, H. M. Cutler and A. B. Bishop of Montpelier were re-elected directors. At the directors' meeting these officers were re-elected: F. C. Partridge, president; H. M. Cutler, vice-president; W. W. Russell, treasurer; G. D. Clarke, secretary. Other re-elections occurred in years. A dinner was given this evening at the Country club to the agents attending the meeting. During the year \$7,050,879.45 was paid to policyholders. The progress in 25 years shows an increase from \$9,497,700 to \$25,000,000 in income.

## VERMONT NOTES

News Items of the State Gathered Here and There.

### NORWICH LAND GIVEN DARTMOUTH

Through the generosity of the Rev. J. B. Johnson, '68, the Dartmouth Outing Club has been presented a large tract of land and a sum of money for the construction of a new cabin to add to its already long chain. The site of the new camp is to be Happy Hill, a small mountain in Norwich, about six and one-half miles from the campus, and easily accessible to hikers. Because of the hilly territory on the way to the mountain, the new cabin is likely to prove one of the most popular for ski trips. The proposed cabin is to be dedicated to President Emeritus William Jewett Tucker, in recognition of his great services to the Outing Club. In establishing the new cabin in a new direction from the campus, the Outing Club is starting a chain which will extend into the Green Mountains.

### BARRE HOSPITAL GETS \$1,000.

Mrs. L. A. Ainsworth of Williamstown has given the Barre hospital \$1,000 to be added to the fund for the purchase of an X-ray outfit. This is the second gift of \$1,000 made by Mrs. Ainsworth, the first having been given last June.

### DALE TO SPEAK AT RUTLAND.

Congressman Porter H. Dale of Island Pond will give an address in the Community House at Rutland January 22 under the auspices of the Rutland University association. It is expected 1,000 tickets will be sold and the proceeds will be given to war relief work. Rutland Council, K. C., and the Y. M. C. A. are sharing equally.

### ACCEPTS ST. JOHNSBURY CALL.

The Rev. Albert S. Woodworth of Providence, R. I., has accepted a call to the Union Baptist Church at St. Johnsbury, and will begin his duties February 1. He is a member of the board of managers of the Rhode Island Baptist State convention.

### GETS MEDAL IN FRANCE.

Donat Frechette, son of Mrs. Edward Frechette, St. Johnsbury, has received a military medal for bravery in the war. He was in Canada at the outbreak of the war and enlisted in one of the first regiments from the State and over with the first contingent. He has served in the infantry, on the armored motor cars and is now a member of the machine gun brigade.

### MAD BULL GETS LOOSE.

A mad bull caused considerable apprehension in the business section of St. Johnsbury Monday afternoon and was finally shot in the railroad yard. The bull was bought in Waterbury by W. A. Richter, a cattle dealer, and was being taken in a sled box to the station. Children coming out of school frightened the horse and before the driver could get the animal under control the bull was on a rampage. It was impossible to control the animal and a hurry call was sent out for some one to shoot it.

### DIES AT CAMP DEVENS.

Private Claude Buffum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buffum of East Wallingford, died at the base hospital, Camp Devens, Sunday, of pneumonia. He was taken ill about four weeks ago with the measles and later pneumonia developed.

### THIS AND THAT.

Rutland county has exceeded its Red Cross quota, \$2,545 by \$346.

Two milk teams that ran away in Brattleboro succeeded in spilling 100 quarts.

The Bellows Falls fuel committee has fixed upon \$10.10 as the price per ton of egg coal.

The Barre police made 461 arrests in 1917, which was 50 less than the preceding year.

A. H. Cobb, 81, veteran printer, over half a century with Tuttle company, Rutland, is dead.

Col. Abbott, 75 years old, fell while hurrying to catch a train at Pownal and broke his right arm.

Miss Johanna Welch of Hubbardston was seriously burned when her clothing caught fire while she was standing near a stove.

The sum of \$456 was given to the Red Cross at Brattleboro as the net proceeds of a concert given by the Dunham Brothers' company.

Floyd Fuller, 30, of Putney, suffered serious injuries to his right arm when it came in contact with the knives of a shaper in Bradley corporation shop.

E. F. Whitcomb, dry goods merchant, of Bellows Falls, has become a local agent for federal food control. It is expected a schedule of prices on staple articles will be arranged.

Senator Carroll S. Page, who has been ill at his hotel in Washington, is recovering and will be back at his duties in the Senate in a few days. He is 75 years old this month.

The Quarry Owners' association and the Quarry Workers' International Union of Barre have agreed to a new scale of wages to become effective at once, the men getting an increase of five cents per hour, for the period of the war.

Elephant new families whose monthly requirements promise to approach \$100 and a regulation for \$1,000 to cancel bills contracted in December indicate to what extent demands for assistance are piling up in the charity department at Barre.

## ACCEPTS RESIGNATION

Hartness and Howland Resign as Chairman and Secretary of Committee of Public Safety.

Montpelier, Jan. 1.—Governor Graham has accepted the resignations of James Hartness as chairman and Fred A. Howland as secretary of the Vermont committee of public safety. At a meeting of the executive committee January 1, Mr. Hartness, chairman, announced that he had resigned of himself as food administrator for Vermont, and other important war work in which he is engaged.

Mr. Howland is the State director of the national war savings committee, and the pressure of his duties makes it necessary for him to relinquish the position of secretary which he has held since the organization of the committee. Both Mr. Hartness and Mr. Howland will remain members of the committee.

Governor Graham appointed Judge Leighton P. Slack of St. Johnsbury, former lieutenant-governor, as chairman, and Insurance Commissioner Joseph C. Brown, former mayor and postmaster of Montpelier, as secretary of the committee.

Mr. Brown has a well-organized office at the State House, which will enable him to carry on the work promptly and efficiently and which will be centrally located for the committee.

## SNOWSTORM UPSETS DAIRYMEN'S PLANS

Members, Held Up by Late Trains All over the State, Slow in Arriving.

### ONE SESSION CANCELLED.

Prof. Bradlee Outlines War-Time Program of Extension Service and Ayrshire Breeders Present Claims.

Had a rigid military censor blue-pencilled the program of the 48th annual convention of the Vermont State Dairymen's association, which convened, or to be more exact semi-convened at the Hotel Vermont, across the Armory, last Tuesday afternoon and evening, it could not have been deleted or mutilated into a less recognizable state than was easily accomplished by the fast-falling white flakes from the skies.

Twenty-four inside out and bottom side up and then back again with being straightened out is the condition the program now lies in. The "what" and "when" of each part of the day's program is badly mixed and a large number of the special articles will have to be left out.

No session was held Tuesday afternoon at all but in the evening the opening was held, not as was given by the program but rather an informal ceremony, performed by G. L. Martin of Plainfield, who presided over the first session convened in armory hall at 8:30 o'clock.

Thomas Bradlee, professor of the extension service department of the University of Vermont and the State Agricultural College, was the opening speaker. He took for the subject "The War-Time Program of the Extension Service" and the address is in full follows:

**THE WARTIME PROGRAM OF THE EXTENSION SERVICE.**

I want in a few minutes of your time at the opening of this meeting to outline briefly the program of the extension service for the coming year.

As it is completed, I want to do this for two reasons: first, because of the active part this association has taken in organizing extension work in Vermont. One of the first things that Dean Hill put in my hands when I took up this work was a copy of your annual report for the 1913 meeting in which was outlined the original policies of the extension service. At the same time he told me of the work your association had done since that time.

Secondly, there seems no better time than this to make public our plans for the coming year, for surely here we meet the most progressive farmers of the State and it is upon them that we must depend for leadership in carrying the work among their neighbors. It is absolutely necessary to secure the confidence and co-operation of the more progressive farmers of a community in order to do effective extension work.

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university dairy classes and a home economics department. The State and county extension service will be distributed to those who are interested. A farmer's account book, showing simple but practical ways of keeping straight accounts of expenditures, profits, losses and general farm expenses, will be on exhibition and the method will be explained in detail to anyone interested.

Other exhibitors include:

The Burlington Rendering company, represented by E. G. Clewley and F. C. Hayward.

P. R. Ziegler Automatic Milk separator, represented by O. A. Joslyn.

The Empire Automatic Milk separator, represented by D. C. Slater.

Shapley Separator and Milking Machine company, represented by A. L. Knight, sales manager of the Philadelphia office, assisted by J. R. Davis and E. C. Humphrey.

Vermont Farm Machinery company of Bellows Falls, represented by W. C. Smith, manager, assisted by Peter Langwell, F. T. Murphy, J. B. Bowen, E. J. Roberts and H. W. Mitchell.

De Laval Cream and Milk separator, represented by J. E. Walker, manager, assisted by Ernest Gardner of New York and I. F. Hobart of Cambridge. Mr. Walker is from Schenectady.

The Burlington Rendering company, represented by G. H. Soule.

The Champlain Seed company, with seed corn for silage and other usage, represented by C. B. Mosier.

The Strong Hardware company of Burlington, represented by Smith McNally and Eugene Quinn.

The Universal Milk and the Associated Manufacturers' company of Syracuse, N. Y., represented by J. F. Murphy and Nelson Day, in charge of the milk, and O. G. Carpenter, C. F. Dove and Mr. Murphy, representing the Associated Manufacturers' company.

Edward Lang of Somerville, Mass., has an exhibit representing the North Star Chemical Works of Lawrence, Mass., advertising Germ-X for milk and creamery disinfectant.